

## **CLAIMS AS AMENDED**

1           1.       **(AMENDED)** An electronic payment interface, comprising:  
2           a plurality of payment types, each of the plurality of payment types is selectable using a  
3           drop box; and  
4           a single entry field that is operable to accommodate each of the plurality of payment types  
5           to perform a financial transaction, the single entry field receives payment information  
6           corresponding to a selected one of the plurality of payment types in a predetermined format, **the**  
7           **single entry field further comprising:**  
8                     **two or more single entry field formats, wherein each format is associated**  
9                     **with a form of payment functionality;** and  
10          a help and formatting information, displayed near the single entry field, that indicates a  
11          proper format for entry of the payment information into the single entry field, **the help and**  
12          **formatting information further comprising:**  
13                     **two or more single entry field guides, wherein each field guide is associated**  
14                     **with one of the forms of payment functionality.**

1           4.       **(AMENDED)** The electronic payment interface of claim 1, further comprising:  
2           a proceed [button] **control** that [is operable to continue] **continues** the financial  
3           transaction; and  
4           a cancel [button] **control** that [is operable to cancel] **cancels** the financial transaction.

1           5.       **(AMENDED)** The electronic payment interface of claim 1, wherein the electronic  
2 payment interface **[is accessed from]** comprises a merchant's point of sale system.

1           9.       **(AMENDED)** An Internet based single entry field electronic payment interface,  
2 comprising:

3           a plurality of payment types;

4           a single entry field that **[is operable to accommodate]** accomodates each of the plurality  
5 of payment types to perform a financial transaction the single entry field further comprising:

6                   two or more single entry field formats, wherein each format is associated  
7                   with a form of payment functionality; [and]

8           the single entry field receives payment information corresponding to at least one of the  
9 plurality of payment types in a predetermined format; and

10           a formatting information system generating two or more single entry field guides,  
11 wherein each field guide is associated with one of the forms of payment functionality.

1           11.       **(AMENDED)** The Internet based single entry field electronic payment interface  
2 of claim 10, further comprising at least one additional payment processor; and

3           wherein payment processing is distributed, at least in part, between the payment  
4 processor and the at least one additional payment processor.

1           14.       **(AMENDED)** The Internet based single entry field electronic payment interface  
2 of claim 9, further comprising a remote server; and

3           wherein the remote server receives the payment information via the Internet.

1           16.     **(AMENDED)** An electronic payment method, comprising:  
2           selecting a payment type; **[and]**  
3           **generating formatting information for a single entry field corresponding to the**  
4           **payment type; and**  
5           **[inputting] receiving** payment information corresponding to the selected payment type  
6           **[into a] from the** single entry field **in accordance with the formatting information**  
7           **[wherein the single entry field is operable to receive a plurality of payment types].**

1           18.     **(AMENDED)** The method of claim 16, further comprising:  
2           payment processing using a payment processor; and  
3           wherein the payment processor **[being] is** communicatively coupled to the single entry  
4           field.